

6. Claim 1, last line: decreasing said host / VTS bandwidth thereby and increasing said VTS / VTS bandwidth.

7. Claim 8, line 1: The method of claim [[1]] 3, further comprising the steps of:

8. Claim 9, line 1: A first virtual tape server ("VTS") comprising one or more virtual

9. Claim 9, line 5: comprising a host computer, a first virtual tape controller ("VTC") comprising a VTC Copy Queue, a

10. Claim 9, ~~second to~~ last line: decreasing said host / VTS bandwidth thereby and increasing said

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11. Claims 14-18: (Canceled).

12. Claim 19, line 2: computer, a first virtual tape controller ("VTC") comprising a VTC Copy Queue, a second virtual tape

13. Claim 19, line 3: controller, a first virtual tape server (“VTS”) comprising a first adjustable aggregate bandwidth, and a

14. Claim 19, second-to-last line: decreasing said host / VTS bandwidth thereby and
increasing

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15. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to disclose or reasonably suggest the invention as claimed.

In particular, the prior art fails to disclose or reasonably suggest the various configurations of the first through fourth virtual host devices and first through fourth virtual copy devices; and

the various steps related to decreasing a host / VTS bandwidth and increasing a VTS / VTS bandwidth in response to the age of queued copy job as compared to an age threshold.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion